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The patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on the PTO-1449, attached hereto.

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III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE
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a. ☐ **DOCUMENTS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

The attached patents, publications, or other information in the English language do not require a statement of relevancy.

b. ☐ **DOCUMENTS NOT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

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c. ☐ **ENGLISH LANGUAGE SEARCH REPORT**

An English language version of the search report or action that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is attached, thereby satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation. See MPEP 609(A)(3).

d. ☒ **OTHER**

The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

Japanese patent A-4-504431 cited in the Japanese Office Action is not being submitted herewith since this reference corresponds to U.S. Patent 5,319,001. Please note that a copy of U.S. Patent 5,319,001 was already submitted with the IDS dated June 2, 1997 and considered by the Examiner on August 26, 1997.

JP-A-7-188586 cited in the Japanese Office Action is not being submitted herewith since this reference was already submitted with the IDS dated June 2, 1997 and considered by the Examiner on August 26, 1997.

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IV. THIS IDS IS BEING FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d):
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- b. ☐ after the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311

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See the Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) below.

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The undersigned hereby states that

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- b. ☐ no item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the best of my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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- ☒ Applicants hereby petition for consideration of this IDS. A fee in the amount of \$130.00 for the Petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) is required.

VII. PAYMENT OF FEES (check one box)

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed for the above-indicated fee.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$130.00 for the above-indicated fee. A triplicate copy of this paper is attached.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this IDS, he/she is requested to contact the undersigned. If it is determined that this IDS has been filed under the wrong rule, the PTO is requested to consider this IDS under the proper rule (with a petition if necessary) and charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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